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The World Beyond the War: Scenes in Three Continents

By Willis Fletcher Johnson

The Land of The Amazon Nature and Civilization in the Great Southern Republic

THE BRAZILIANS AND THEIR COUNTRY. By Arthur Seligson Cooper. With map and illustrations. 12mo. pp. 247. \$2.50. The Macmillan Company.

The world must discard the old notion that all civilization must be in the Northern Hemisphere. Time was when there seemed to be some justification for it, but that time is no more; as witness the revelations in this handsome volume. We will know how big a scene Brazil covers on the map. This tells how well she fills it with a civilization and arms of the most advanced Northern nations might.

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We have seen no more complete prospectus of Brazil and the Brazilians than Mr. Cooper has presented in this big, handsome volume. Practically every phase of the theme is treated—historical, political, educational, social, industrial, commercial, and what not else, with interest and with comprehensive accuracy, and with a multitude of illustrations which are a light to the mind and a pleasure to the eye.

The White Mountains

A GUIDE TO THE WHITE MOUNTAINS. By M. F. Sweetser. Edited and revised by John H. Mather. 12mo. pp. 247. \$2.50. The Macmillan Company.

It is more than a generation since Mr. Sweetser first published his admirable guidebook, one of the most accurate, informing, sympathetic and inspiring works of the kind ever written and a treasure to uncounted thousands who have visited the wonderland of the White Mountains. Now comes, after his death, a revised and enlarged edition, revised and brought down to date. It is so well done that it makes highly interesting reading simply as history and description for those who cannot visit the hills.

Door-Yard Landscapes

THE SMALL PLACE. By Eva Reimann. Illustrated. 8vo. pp. 247. \$2.50. P. Putnam's Sons.

This volume, at once beautiful and useful, is devoted to the art of landscape gardening on a small scale, about residences with limited grounds, even places with a mere "door-yard." The various examples given are taken from actual places and are illustrated with a profusion of charming photographic views. It should be greatly inspiring and helpful to householders who measure their domains by rods instead of acres.

Vacation Journeys

VACATION JOURNALS EAST AND WEST. By E. P. Dutton & Co. 12mo. pp. 247. \$2.50. P. Putnam's Sons.

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walked across the sunlit road into a white pagoda gleamed between the trees, and the pungent odor of wood smoke filled the air. The spot was redolent of the atmosphere of the East, the East which, like the fabled Lorelei, weaves a mystic spell about the wanderer whom she has loved and taken to her heart, while yet he feels it not. And when he would cast her off and return to his own again, he would find that her subtle charm will bring him back once more.

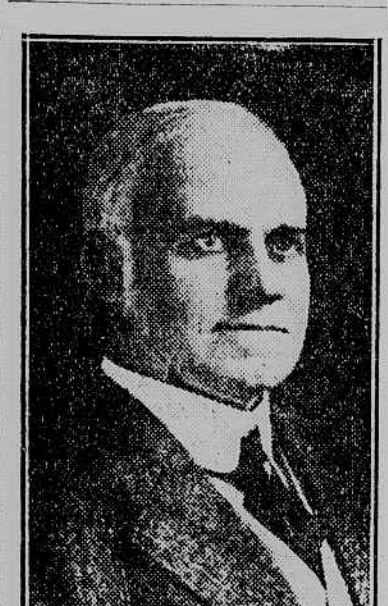
What was it that Kipling wrote to precisely the same effect? "If you've 'earned the East a-calling,' You won't never 'eed naught else." In this delightful volume even the reader remote from Cathay may hear the East a-calling, by sympathetic proxy.

The Canadian Rockies

From the Pacific to the Arctic by Way of Peace River

ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF PEACE RIVER. By Paul LeBlond. Illustrated. 12mo. pp. 247. \$2.50. The Macmillan Company.

Mr. LeBlond, a keen observer, an expert naturalist and an accomplished writer, made a thousand-mile trip from the Pacific to the Arctic Ocean by way of the Canadian Rocky Mountains and Peace River. He thus passed through one of the supreme wonderlands of the world. All the splendor and charm, and all the wildness and the terror,



Dr. Robert T. Morris

("The Way Out of War," Doubleday, Page & Co.)

too, of forest and mountain, of beetling cliff and raging torrent, of nature in her most picturesque aspects and in her most formidable moods, were there. But these things would be in vain without the eye to see, the heart to feel and the skill to tell; all of which the author happily possessed.

The result is a notably interesting and informative book of travels, camp narrative and descriptive, about some of the least known yet best worth knowing regions of this continent; profusely illustrated with photographs of more than ordinary merit.

A Camping Manual

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The editor of "Field and Stream" has here prepared a volume which will be of immense interest and practical utility to all who respond to the "call of the wild" sufficiently to go into camp, even if it be for only a short time and in some woods near home. There is no phase of tent life, boat life, tramping, automobilism, camp cooking and what not else which he does not discuss and explain with expert authority and in the most readable and interesting fashion. The admirable illustrations add materially to the value of a book which is a veritable compendium of "camping out."

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"Babylon the Great's Fall!" Miscellaneous and News of Books

The Fall of Babylon An Ancient Romance of Much Power and Promise

THE COURT OF BELSHAZZAR. By Earl Williams. 12mo. pp. 312. The Bobbs-Merrill Company.

We are told that Mr. Williams is a young newspaper man of Indiana, and that this is his first novel. We say, then, that he has a promise of something which gives unusual promise of high achievement, and which is in itself an achievement of more than ordinary merit. For seldom have we read a new writer's first work of so grandiose a style which so impressed us with the



Emanuel Bourcier

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mark of something approximating genius. It is by no means free from errors and blemishes, but they are all minor and readily corrigible; while the story itself is instinct with virtues of the truest type. The timing of the book is in its simplicity. The construction is deft, firm, coherent. The narrative is expeditious and concise. The description will be criticized by some as meagre, but we ourselves hold that to be a great merit for it is quite impossible for any one to-day to know precisely what the details of decoration, costume and armament were in Belshazzar's day, and we hold it the best art merely to suggest appearances with a few assured strokes and leave the completion of the scene to imagination.

Mr. George's Speeches

THE GREAT CRUSADE. Extracts from speeches by the Right Hon. David Lloyd George. Edited by G. H. D. Dutton & Co.

These are extracts from speeches made by Mr. George as Minister of Munitions and Secretary of State for War and as Prime Minister during almost the entire period of the war down to the date of publication, and dealing with practically all phases of the war. It is a volume of great interest and value as an authoritative record, for reference, of what Mr. George has actually said and done in the history of the British Government actually in power. It is also, as a revelation of the fine consistency of a statesman with vision, who saw the truth at the beginning of the war, and who has not failed to reverse or to contradict himself.

Public Sanitation

What Has Been Done and What Is To Be Done

HEALTH AND THE STATE. By William A. Brand. 8vo. pp. 247. \$2.50. P. Putnam's Sons.

It is a strange thing that while one of the very oldest legal codes in the world is devoted throughout to full and detailed prescriptions for the guarding and promotion of the physical health of the community, the practical fulfillment of such rules has been neglected at least in this country for years, more than almost any other department of public law. It is a part of humanity's inestimable debt to Louis Pasteur and to the science of bacteriology that a century more progress has been made in public and indeed also in private sanitation than in a dozen centuries before.

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Good Reading for Boys

FAMOUS DISCOVERIES AND EXPLORERS OF AMERICA. By George H. Ransome. Illustrated. 12mo. pp. 247. \$2.50. The Macmillan Company.

When a boy crams his mind with stories he is at least developing the habit of reading, and if they are not of the "Diamond Dick" variety, he is also learning something. The book he reads history or biography written in a simple fashion he is forming a background for the knowledge which he will attain as he grows older. He is learning to read with great people who have lived and accomplished, creating for himself ideals of action and service, and laying a foundation which will be of value to him as long as he lives. Great writers of fiction, sociology, drama and verse are heralded as geniuses. Perhaps not enough credit is given to those less known authors who have written something worth reading. The heroes of the past, the pioneers, discoverers of the land and builders of nations. Mr. Johnson presents in interesting fashion the stories of the great men of the past, the Ponce de Leon—whose soul is to be dedicated by worldly interests to thrill over the search for the Fountain of Youth, Cortez, Columbus, Magellan, de la Salle and many others. They are stirring stories, full of vision, enthusiasm and accomplishment. Any boy would be the better for reading them, and he would incidentally have many happy hours during their perusal. This is a book which you will find on the most prominent shelf in a studious boy's library, not fresh and trim with waxed covers, but old and thumbed and generally dilapidated, and one also that the boy grown to a man will like to pass on to his younger fellow, for his happiness.

A Campaign Diary

FROM RAFAUME TO PASSCHENDAELE. By Philip Guedes Webb. 8vo. pp. 442. \$2.50. The Macmillan Company.

This is not so much history as diary. It is a record of the campaign of the great drive from the Somme, and of the battles of Arras, Messines Ridge and others in Flanders; written by a skilled observer who was in the

Books of the Spirit

Theological, Ethical and Practical

Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch was the lecturer, last year, on the Nathaniel W. Taylor Foundation at Yale University, and the material of his studies has appeared in book form, "A Theology for the Social Gospel" (Macmillan). Although the sympathies of the author are with the simple intuitions of Jesus of Nazareth, he is not entirely blind to the fact that in certain great movements of the history of the Christian society the facts of faith have been powerfully brought to bear upon social needs. In our day, he reminds us, the Social Gospel has become orthodox, and even the doctrine of the future life is invested with a significance of social justice. "Humanity always crowds the human element in the world," he says. "If Dr. Rauschenbusch himself is one of the most persuasive advocates of a socialized Christianity, indulges a penchant for attacking evaded fortresses, he does it as when he says, 'The proof-text method, in trying to prove our original sin, has proved its own.'"

After the War

A Plea for Settlement Based Upon Internationalism

THE END OF THE WAR. By Walter E. West. 12mo. pp. 327. The Macmillan Company.

Mr. West might have taken as a motto for his book the phrase which has long ago repudiated by its author, "Peace without victory." His view is that we should oppose the "imperialistic" policies of our Allies and should respond—or should have responded—favorably to German peace overtures and the peace suggestions of Russian revolutionists. "Working peace not through a complete military victory over Germany so much as through co-operation with German democrats and the establishment of a system of internationalism in which national sovereignty will be largely waived. When the President, or Mr. Roosevelt, declares that we will not accept an overwhelming victory which will restore and indemnify Belgium, France and Serbia and give the freedom of self-determination to the peoples now held subject by the Kaiser, we must not object that he is proposing drastic terms, imposing onerous terms upon the defeated enemy, and seeking imperialistic aims."

With that we cannot agree. Or, if it be drastic and onerous to insist upon the righting of wrongs and upon justice for the injured, why, in God's name, let us have drastic and onerous terms. If it be imperialistic to compel Germany to withdraw from Belgium and to indemnify that martyr nation for its losses, why not insist on the same for the Kaiser's Germany? We believe that the same principle applies to the question of the Kaiser's Germany. We believe that the same principle is in doubtless quite sincere in his view, but we cannot regard them as well founded, or as calculated to assist in the establishment of a satisfactory peace.

Out of a mature teaching experience, Professor and Provost, of Brown University, has written a textbook, "Moral Values: A Study of the Principles of Conduct." Henry Holt & Co. publish it. It is a study of the varieties of ethical theory in their relation to Happiness and Perfection as ideal ends. His own thesis takes the form of an attempt to correlate these two ends, the one of duty, the other of happiness, under the title of "The Moral Law." He finds in Kant's moral law, from the discerning of the moral law, the moral law should be able to pass to the plain business of living, furnished with definite principles of guidance in a